

**CITY OF FRESNO**  
**DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMISSION**  
**City Hall, Second Floor – Room 2120/Meeting Room C**

**UNAPPROVED - MINUTES OF THE September 11, 2012 MEETING**

DAC Commission Members Present: Michelle Bronson (Chair), Jenelle Pitt (Vice-Chair), Robert Hand, William Dailey, Mary Beth Randall, Carlos Duarte (ex officio)

DAC Commission Members Absent: Joanna Pilibosian, Frances Reyes Acosta

DAC Secretary: Sara Pomare Interim ADA Coordinator

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**Call to Order**

Chair Bronson called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Self introductions were made.

**Approval of the Minutes of August 14, 2012**

The minutes of the August meeting were accepted by a motion of Member Hand and seconded by Member Randall.

**Member Reports and Comments**

Member Hand shared that Resources for Independence, Central Valley will be holding their annual recognition dinner on September 28, 2012. Information is available on the website [www.ricv.org](http://www.ricv.org) . He also extended an invitation to interested attendees to participate in the Community Leadership Academy, a free training on how to be on boards and government commissions.

Chairperson Bronson shared that this month was Deaf Awareness month and she extended an invitation to participate in the special activities taking place next Wednesday. There will be games, signing lessons for all attendants, and there will also be free ice cream. This activity will take place at DSSC from 6:30 to 8:30 PM.

**Secretary's Report**

Secretary Pomare stated that this is her first meeting as the interim coordinator. She reported that Shannon had a baby boy born on September 1<sup>st</sup>, and both mom and baby were doing well.

**Unscheduled Communication**

There were no comments or communication from the public in the audience.

**Presentation: Fresno Yosemite International Airport**

Kevin Mickle Assistant Director of Aviation made a presentation to the Board regarding Fresno Yosemite International airport and all the improvements that were made including the ADA upgrades. He mentioned that while the City is responsible for maintaining the airport facilities, there is also the Air Carrier Access Act which makes the airlines responsible for accommodating those with needs to get on the aircraft and move around the area. Chairperson Bronson and other commissioners expressed their appreciation for all the improvements and ADA upgrades that the airport made and expressed how easy it was for them to find their way and move around the facilities.

**Presentation: City of Fresno Business Tax and Permit Section**

Kim Jackson from the City of Fresno Finance department made a presentation about the new program that the City is incorporating regarding licensing of service dogs and assistance animals. The County has decided not to issue license for service dogs and assistance animals in the City of Fresno. She explained that owners of service dogs and assistance animals must complete the new City application and affidavit to obtain the fee waiver. Upon the death or retirement of the assistance animal, the owner is required to return the tag to the City of Fresno.

**Presentation: Handy Ride Service Area Concern**

Maria Franco made a presentation regarding the handy ride service. She stated that the FAX handy ride service was not servicing the new area she was moving to which is north of Herndon Avenue. She is requesting that the City expand the service area from Herndon and Grantland to Bullard Avenue.

**Action Item: 2012 DAC Achievement Awards**

Eight individual nominations and three organizational nominations were submitted for consideration. Secretary Pomare read each nominee's information and the board voted to select one individual and one organization.

The nominees were:

<b>Individuals</b>		
<b>Nominee</b>	<b>Association</b>	<b>Nominated by</b>
Paul Barnett	Interpreting Services of Central California	Mike Stanford
Reva Guimont	Exceptional Parents Unlimited	Sara Pomare
Howard Jackson	Aktion Clubs	Jenifer Foster
Jim Santos	Community Volunteer	Anu Gajaraj
Kathy Yoshida	Interpreting Services of Central California	Christina Burke
Joanna Zamora	Resources for Independence Central Valley	Agustina Lopez
Liz Zemke	Community Volunteer	Connie Lake
Chloe Doyle	Student	Deidra Doyle
<b>Organizations</b>		
ARC Fresno	Howard Jackson	
Central Valley Training Center	Kevin Alfaro	
San Joaquin Valley Rehabilitation Hospital	Liz Zemke	

After deliberation by the board, member Randall made a motion to nominate Jim Santos for the individual award and member Pitts seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Member Duarte made a motion to nominate ARC Fresno for the organizational award and member Pitts seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

**Action Item: Transportation Task Force Recommendations**

Member Randall thanked everyone who contributed to the task. They had been working on these recommendations since June, and she hopes to see them move forward and implemented. Member Dailey stated that he had not seen the

limitation to 60 ride pass limit addressed. After discussion, Member Dailey made a motion to accept the recommendations as submitted by the Transportation Task Force and that the task force further investigates the 60 ride pass limit and have the fare committee reevaluate the limit and come back and present to the board.

Member Randall requested that member Daily amends the motion to add another two months time frame to the Transportation Task force for them to complete the research because their time limit had ran out.

Member Dailey agreed to the friendly amendment and Member Randall seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 12:03 PM.